## The Price of Western Expansion

Driven by Manifest Destiny, the U.S. moved west into new territories. Some land was acquired by war. Other land was purchased from countries such as France, Mexico, and Russia.

Calculate the cost per square mile that the United States paid for each piece of land.



EVENT	AMOUNT OF LAND	COST
Louisiana Purchase	828,000 sq. miles	\$15 Million in 1803
Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo	915,000 sq. miles	\$15 Million in 1848
Purchase of Alaska	586,412 sq. miles	\$7.2 Million in 1867

\$1 IN	IS WORTH THIS MUCH TODAY	
1803	\$25,950	
1848	\$5,168	
1867	\$1,495	

EVENT	HISTORIC \$ PER SQ. MILE	MODERN \$ PER SQ. MILE	Put an X on the best land deal.
Louisiana Purchase	\$18.12	\$470,108	
Treaty of	\$16.39	\$84,704	
Guadalupe-Hidalgo			
Purchase of Alaska	\$12.28	\$18,356	X

